

# WHITE BLOCK CO. INC.

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Mr. Peter DeVries, Chair  
Washington State Building Code Council  
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Mr. Chairman and Council Members:

I am Bruce Corigliano, co-owner of White Block Co. and a Board member of the Northwest Concrete Masonry Association. White Block is a 3<sup>rd</sup> generation family business started in 1947. We are located here in Spokane and employ 21 people. I support the testimony offered by my masonry industry colleagues today. We oppose changes to the mass wall provisions of the proposed energy code amendment Log # 09-031.

The masonry industry consists of many small businesses operating in Washington State. The small business economic impact of this proposed amendment has not been considered. I commend the Council on the effort that was undertaken to address the code change concerns of the small window manufacturers. This mitigation effort headed by Mr. Don Jordan was conducted in a very cooperative, productive manner. As stated by Mr. Tom Young, the masonry industry was not afforded such an opportunity to focus on our technical issues and economic impacts. We would welcome the opportunity to meet and hold meaningful discussions.

Proposed changes to the masonry wall requirements would have a detrimental impact upon our industry without proper justification. More restrictive regulations would be especially harmful given the current state of our construction economy. Further study should be done including economic impacts prior to making code changes.

Thank you for allowing me to comment.

Sincerely,



Bruce Corigliano  
White Block Co. *President*